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Chapter News Letters and Chapter Dues

Last Spring the National Secretary sent a questionnaire to all active chapters, making inquiry, among other things, regarding the local dues charged to field members and regarding the number of news letters issued during the year. Owing to the nature of part of the questionnaire, it was not sent to alumni chapters. A reply was received from

every active chapter but one, Alpha-Beta. The returns contained some very interesting data. Limited space permits only the briefest summary.

Delta, Theta, Sigma, Tau, Phi, and Alpha-Alpha appear to charge no field-member dues. The following chapters charge \$0.50: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Zeta, Eta, Kappa, Omicron, Pi. Iota, Lambda, Nu, Upsilon, and Psi charge \$1.00 each. Epsilon charges \$1.50, and Chi, Omega, and Alpha-Gamma each charge \$2.00. Xi charges \$2.50. Some of the chapters charging the higher dues pay the national membership fee for their members.

Concerning the news letters issued and contemplated for the year, the chapters reports as follows: Alpha, Gamma, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Iota, Lambda, Nu, Tau Phi, Omega and Alpha-Gamma report one each. Beta, Kappa, Omicron, Sigma and Alpha-Alpha report two each. Delta, Upsilon, and Chi report three each. Pi reports four, Epsilon six, and Psi seven. Only one chapter, Xi, reports no news letter. In looking over the returns, which were received in March and April, the writer observes that most of the news letters had not yet been issued, but were contemplated. We are not certain, therefore, that all chapters succeeded so well in the number of news letters issued as was indicated in the report.

The thought has occurred to the writer, who himself is a field member, that perhaps there might be a definite relationship established between the field dues and the number of chapter news letters issued. Perhaps two news letters a year for each \$0.50 of field dues would be a reasonable proportion. Thus, Epsilon, which issues six news letters a year and whose field dues are \$1.50, would not be charging its field members more in proportion than Beta, for example, which issues two news letters a year and charges its field members only \$0.50.

In the recent communication sent out by Vice-President Williams to all the chapters regarding chapter activities for the current year there was a definite recommendation that the chapter news letter as such be one of the activities. Recent returns from chapters indicate that the chapters are practically a unit in their intention to carry out Vice-President Williams' recommendations. It is therefore hoped that the chapter officers very shortly, wherever they have not

done so, will definitely plan for the issuing of a series of news letters for the current school year.

May the writer make a further suggestion to the chapter officers regarding the mechanical makeup of news letters. You will undoubtedly find it uneconomical to have your news letter printed unless your circulation is 300 or more. But do not let that discourage you. For remember, what the member in the field wishes is to receive a live-wire news let-

ter, and to receive it reasonably often, irrespective of whether it is printed or mimeographed. The news letter is your cheapest means of broadcasting the news, at least until all chapters and field members are provided with wireless.

Shortly the National Secretary will send out an inquiry to all chapters, both active and alumni, as to news letter plans, executed and completed, for the current year.

ABEL J. McALLISTER

Chapter News Letters Received

Since the first of last June we have received the following chapter news letters:

DELTA (Stanford). Vol. X, No. 3, June 7, 1922, nine pages, mimeographed. Editors, R. E. Hutchings, Leonard Aho. Contents: Faculty News; Stanford Educational Test Battery; American Psychological Association; Alumnus Alpha on Stanford Campus; News of Active Members; Election of Officers; Our Alumni in the Field; Addresses (of members).

Very newsy. Well composed and organized.

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EPSILON (Iowa). Vol. 3, No. 1, October, 1922. 11 mimeographed pages, with 12-page insert reprinted from the American School Board Journal. Contents: Letter of Greeting from Corresponding Secretary Don C. Rogers and President M. C. Del Manzo; High School Records (the reprint referred to above); News Notes; Complete List of Paid-up Members.

One who reads the Epsilon news letters cannot wonder why the chapter succeeds so well in securing paid-up memberships.

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ZETA (Chicago). The summer Quarter News Letter, August, 1922. 12 printed pages. Contents: The President's Greeting; Why and Wherefore; Fees and Dues for 1922-23; Finance; Treasurer's Report; Chapter Meetings; Personals; Investigations; Degrees Conferred; Roll of Members.

This is the first summer session news letter issued by any chapter as far as we have been able to learn. If there has been another, please send a copy to the National Secretary. Zeta has set an example that other chapters can well afford to emulate. The summer session is increasing in popularity and deserves the recognition that our Fraternity is beginning to give it.

SIGMA (Ohio). June, 1922, 2 mimeographed pages. A well prepared communication written on the plan of a personal letter and consists mostly of a statement of plans for the summer session and the next year. The letter, though humble in size, evidently "took," for Sigma members are responding splendidly to the call for paying their national membership fee.

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ALUMNUS ALPHA (San Francisco). September, 1922, five mimeographed pages. Editors, W. G. Rector, Roy E. Warren. Contents: The Next Meeting; The Last Meeting; News from Lambda Chapter; News from the Field.

Alumnus Alpha Chapter has been in the habit of issuing a news letter each month. It is a good habit. Any chapter that gives such concrete evidence of activity is bound to prosper.

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ALUMNUS GAMMA (Kansas). June 15, 1922, six mimeographed pages. Contents: Membership; New Chapters; Exchanges; Faculty Notes; Research by Members in the Field; Research Problems Being Developed by Members of Kappa Chapter; Items from the Field; News Items of Kappa Chapter Members; Kappa Activities.

This is really a joint news letter, Kappa Chapter co-operating. We wish these two chapters would issue such a letter oftener.

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Chapters are invited to send to the National Secretary a copy of each news letter issued. A review or some other kind of recognition will be given through the columns of THE PHI DELTA KAPPAN, depending upon the amount of space available.

A. J. M.